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SUBJECT: NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA, MIZUO KURODA

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY JANUARY 20 NAMED MIZUO KURODA
AS AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA, VICE HIEDMICH KIRA.

2. KURODA, 56, HAS BEEN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MOFA
PUBLIC INFORMATION BUREAU SINCE AUGUST 1973.
PRIOR TO THAT, HE SERVED FROM MID-72 AS DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH, MOFA, AS
COUNSELOR OF THE UN BUREAU (1971-72), AND AS
INFORMATION COUNSELOR AND THEN MINISTER (DCM) IN
WASHINGTON 1969-70). IN MID-CAREER HE SANDWICHED
A POSTING TO LONDON AND A STINT AS DIRECTOR OF THE
MOFA NORTHEAST ASIA DIVISION AROUND A PRESTIGIOUS
ASSIGNMENT (1962-64) AS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME
MINISTER IKEDA.

3. KURODA'S WIFE IS NAMED MITSUKO. THE KURODAS
HAVE TWO SONS, 21 AND 12 YEARS OF AGE.

4. AN EMBOFF WHO HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH KURODA
IN WASHINGTON AND TOKYO DESCRIBES HIM AS FRANK,
COOPERATIVE, STRAIGHTFORWARD, A GOOD BRIEFER,
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AND RESPECTED BY THE US PRESS CORPS HERE. HE HAS

VIEWS OF HIS OWN ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS, WHICH
HE TAKES CARE TO LABEL AS PRIVATE.
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